



Ytienne Fricke is named the winner of the Marriott Care Foundation Bartender Contest

The winning of the Marriott Bartender for 2006 competition by Ytienne Fricke is quite an accomplishment, as he is twenty-three years old, and only eight months a bartender. His creatively refreshing cocktail, “Jammy-Jami” and a bravura performance preparing it won over a panel of professional judges on Friday evening during the event held in the ballroom of the Marriott Resort.

Ytienne was one of nineteen bartenders from resorts and restaurants around the island competing for the coveted trophy and grand prize of a round-trip plane ticket to New York with a five day stay at the luxurious Marriott- Brooklyn Bridge. Joining him in celebrating his triumph was his very proud father Nelson, also an associate at the Marriott Resort.

The Marriott Bartender Contest also offered a fun evening of dancing to the music of the Tsunami Band and the opportunity for attendees to test out the drinks being presented. In fact, how the audience reacted and how much a particular drink was purchased during the evening, aside from performance and flavor was an element in the judging of the winner.

Ytienne’s drink is described by his supervisor and mentor, bartender Shurna Barbara, with whom he works in the casino, as “refreshing, a very nice drink to have when on the beach, it will not leave the drinker tired or hung-over.” The final drink, which sits in layers in the glass and looks like an Aruban sunset contains Bacardi Raspberry Rum, Three Olive Orange Vodka, Red Bull, Peach Schnapps, a squeeze of lemon and lime, sugar, and Angostura Lemon and Lime Bitters.

Amongst the many concoctions presented that night, it would appear the “Jammy-Jamy” was a standout, and even though the young bartender considered presenting another drink, his experienced mentor Shurna assured him that this one was “a winner.” She and Ytienne chose the name together, “as after a few of these and you feel really good, you really feel like JAMMIN’!”

The Marriott Care Foundation was begun in 1995 amongst the resort’s employees, and has sponsored many events and projects that support the community. This year’s Bartender contest was a great success, and the proceeds collected from the exciting event will be used for a Christmas Lunch for the elderly and the homeless.

It would appear there are many benefits to the annual bartender’s competition, including adding a great new drink to the Marriott’s menus. THE NEWS congratulates Ytienne, who demonstrated he has the potential for great things; keep up the good work!